Guild Writers!

Report Summary

Month's Progress

The Guild is still busy as can be! We have published new documents for Earth Day and taken care of correspondence for the Public Relations Guild. Work progresses on the new journal. We have also included in this report a summary of our projected expenses for the upcoming year.

Tidings

Tidings has expanded its distribution network. We have also responded to requests for a larger number of copies.

What the Guild Needs

We are still having difficulties with members not respecting *Tidings* deadlines. If information for May's issue is not received by April 20th, we will go ahead and print without it.

We are still waiting for office supplies. Estimated prices have been provided in this report to facilitate purchase of the diskettes and ink cartridge.

Documentation

The guild has produced documentation for Earth Day, with the help of Izzy. An English pamphlet has been printed, along with Izzy's "La mortelle," reflections on humans taking the earth for granted.
Shanna has also provided us with an excerpt from an on-line dictionary, which has an entry for the Indo-European root *weik-*. A copy is available in the office.

CUPS' Journal

This month saw the printing of editorial guidelines for the new journal, as well as a schedule of deadlines and printing dates for both the new journal and *Tidings*.

Month's Progress

We're still doing a lot of "housekeeping" around the Guild. We've been busy making reports to the Purse Warden for our printing expenses, and putting together an estimate of our costs for the upcoming year. We've also printed editorial guidelines and printing schedules for *Tidings* and the new journal. Besides our administrative work, we have managed to publish two new documents for the Public Relations Guild's Earth Day activities.

Tidings

We're in demand! In March, we printed 30 copies, and were obliged to print an additional 45 thereafter. We have decided to print 100 copies for April in order to account for an additional distribution site and Earth Day events.

We are also working on distribution problems at Mélange Magique: although 30 copies were delivered to the store on February 27th, no copies remained in the box by March 1st! We later refilled the box, but are unsure whether this means the demand is truly high, or whether some mischievous individual might be removing our newsletter. Heather has been assigned to watch the box this month and will be reporting the news. Hopefully, a combination of new distribution points and direct subscriptions will lessen our dependence on the Mélange: currently it is very

difficult to post our notices there, and they as well seem to be disappearing from the bulletin board.

Finally, we have added a new distribution point for the newsletter: Paradigme Books on Sherbrooke St. in Westmount. Paradigme is a charming little store with a good selection of books on astrology, Tarot, herbs and alternative healing, and a whole variety of new age topics. They also carry many brands of quality incense and smudge sticks, as well as sweet grass. As an added bonus, the store rents video tapes to their customers! We spoke to one of the owners, Richard, who was very friendly. Although he wondered whether the store would be of interest to Pagans, we have no doubt our members will find it a pleasant alternative to their usual haunts!

Next month we hope to add Librairie Biosfaire, a fascinating store which used to be located around the corner from UQAM, to our list of distributors. Both of these stores will be reviewed in *Tidings*.

What the Guild Needs

We still have difficulty getting all the necessary information for *Tidings* by the deadlines. These dates are printed at least one month in advance, however, we still have to remind folks about them. We include a schedule of deadlines and print dates with this report, in hopes that this will remedy the situation. In any case, this month's issue will be printed with or without information - anything received after April 20th is too late!

We are still waiting for information about the current budget. Is there a ceiling for our printing expenditures? Can we raise funds without jeopardizing the money we receive from CSU? As for the supplies we requested, we have found a supplier that sells 3-1/2" diskettes in boxes of twenty-five (25) for just over nine dollars ($9) including tax. It's a great deal! Bureau en Gros quoted us a price of $36.99 for the ink cartridge; with tax that's about $42. This cartridge should last the better part of the year, at least.

Our printing costs so far have been around thirty dollars ($30) each month. Our largest cost, at roughly sixteen dollars ($16,) is for *Tidings;* other expenses are incurred for the printing of documents for information tables, publicity posters, and photocopying of workshop notes.

We expect our expenses to rise considerably by September, when we plan to introduce our new quarterly journal. Of course, this journal will be sold and not distributed free of charge, but our initial expenses must be covered before the revenues will be seen. We would like to print an eight (8) page journal at first, which would cost eighteen dollars ($18) per issue, based on fifty (50) copies printed double-sided on white paper.

Assuming these costs remain fixed, we will require a printing budget of just under $450 per year, or $225 per semester. We will also require a supply of white copy paper, envelopes, and stamps, though at present it is difficult to determine how much we will use.

Documentation

Our main project for the month is documentation for Earth Day. We have printed Izzy's contribution, "La mortelle," and an English pamphlet which describes Pagan views on the earth.

Shanna Warnock was kind enough to provide photocopies of a dictionary entry under *weik-*, the suspected Indo-European root of *wicca, wicce,* and "Witch." Most were distributed in Willow's Witchcraft 101 class, however one copy has been placed in the office for members to consult. Thanks Shanna!

CUPS' Journal

This month was time for getting together a schedule of deadlines and print dates for both Tidings and the new journal. We have also printed editorial guidelines to be distributed to those interested in contributing. A copy will be given to Hertha, along with an analysis of her submission.

Our next task is to put together a sample issue, and to recruit volunteers. We will need writers for regular features, and folks to help with typing, proof reading, distribution, etc. We hope that the stores which carry *Tidings* will show an interest in the new journal. In addition, we will be soliciting advance sales through the August issue of *Tidings*.